

REMARKS

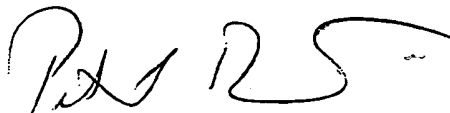
Applicants, through the undersigned, wish to thank Examiner Saidha for the courtesy and assistance extended on behalf of the applicant during a telephone interview conducted on March 18, 2003.

By way of the foregoing amendments, Applicants have canceled all pending claims in favor of the newly added claims 33-38. Support for claims 33-38 is found throughout the specification, e.g., page 9, line 29 to page 11, line 15, and is also found in original claims 20-23. No new matter is introduced. The Examiner indicated during the interview on March 18, 2003 that these new claims would be favorably considered.

Applicants also provide herewith a terminal disclaimer pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.321, disclaiming any term of the patent issuing from the present application that is in excess of the term of commonly assigned U.S. Patent 6,261,821, which issued from the grandparent application Serial No. 08/454,295.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present case is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited

Respectfully submitted,



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